

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 6, 2008. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-9, 11-14, 25, 29-33, 35, 36, and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Eng in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,899 to Eggleston et al. ("Eggleston"); rejected claims 3, 4, 15, 27, 28, and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Eng and Eggleston, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,493,695 to Aitkenheadi et al. ("Aitkenheadi"); and rejected claims 38-39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Eng and Eggleston in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,465,392 to Baptist et al. ("Baptist"). The Examiner also objected to claims 16-17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but including allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 1, 4, 9, 11, 14, 17, and 25, and cancels claims 16, 33, 35-39, and 48. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-15, 17, 25, and 27-32 remain pending in this application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 16 and 17. By this amendment, Applicant cancels claim 16 and amends independent claims 1, 9, and 25 to include aspects of canceled claim 16. For example, amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "a first controller for . . . controlling the transmission of information about the distribution time period to the terminal apparatus," and further recites "a second controller for . . . controlling the supply of power by the power supply based on the information about the distribution time period"; claim 9 recites, *inter alia*, "a power supply for controlling the supply of power to each portion of the terminal apparatus," and further recites "a controller for . . . controlling the supply of power by the

power supply based on information received from the server apparatus about the distribution time period”; and claim 25 recites, *inter alia*, “transmitting information about the distribution time period from the server apparatus to the terminal apparatus,” and “controlling the supply of power for one or more portions of the terminal apparatus by starting the supply of power based on the transmitted information about the distribution time period.”

As such, independent claims 1, 9, and 25 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by any of the cited art, and Applicant requests that the Examiner allow independent claims 1, 9, and 25, and dependent claims 3-8, 11-15, 17, and 27-32.

The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art with which Applicant does not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

In discussing the specification, claims, and drawings in this Amendment, it is to be understood that Applicant is in no way intending to limit the scope of the claims to any exemplary embodiments described in the specification and/or shown in the drawings. Rather, Applicant is entitled to have the claims interpreted broadly, to the maximum extent permitted by statute, regulation, and applicable case law.

If a telephone interview will expedite issuance of this application, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant’s representative whose name and registration number appear below, at 202-408-4138 to discuss any remaining issues.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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